



FEBRUARY 2007

M.A.O. Member Appearances

M.A.O. Members and Other Known PWD Who Are Series Regulars/Recurring

- Tracy Ashton (AL) as Didi
"My Name is Earl" – NBC
- Peter Dinklage (LP) as Marlowe Sawyer
"Nip/Tuck" – FX
- Meredith Eaton Gilden (LP) – as Bethany Horowitz
"Boston Legal" – ABC
- Robert David Hall (AL) as Coroner Dr. Robbins
"CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" – CBS
- Mitch Longley (WU)
as Mitch – "Las Vegas" – NBC
- Shoshannah Stern (D)
as Bonnie Richmond – "Jericho" – CBS
as Megan Graves – "Weeds" – Showtime
- Marcus A. York (WU)
as Billy Merchant – "The Office" – NBC

Television Appearances

Gail "Minerva" Hawkins (ID) - actor
'Poetry Live(s)'
February 4 at 10:30 p.m. on KPBS-TV

Theatre Appearances

Johnny Cox Jr. (AL) - director/writer
'The Beautiful Evil' – a Gospel musical
February 10 and 11
West Angeles Theater, 3020 Crenshaw Blvd., L.A.

For more information call (323) 733-8707.

Congratulations to M.A.O. Members...

Tracy Ashton (AL) has a featured role (and the last line!) in the new David Lynch film *Inland Empire*, currently in limited release.

Arturo Gil (LP) appeared as an Ewok on a float commemorating the 30th anniversary of Star Wars in the 2007 Rose Parade.

Gail "Minerva" Hawkins (ID) is a featured poet in the inaugural edition of *The San Diego Poetry Annual*, to be published in March.

Auti Angel (WU), **Dat Nguyen (B)**, and **Tobias Forrest (WU)** all performed at the Festival of Human Abilities at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach on January 27 and 28.

Auti Angel (WU) performed January 29 at a Jazz for Humanity fundraiser event to assist in New Orleans' recovery efforts.

Bryan Dilbeck (CP) filmed featured roles in the new movies *I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry* and *The Heartbreak Kid*, both to be released later this year.

Bo Lebo (O) has a featured role in the studio film *Carbuncle* which screened at the Milan Film Festival last September; no U.S. release date has been set.

J. B. Abajian (MI) co-stars in a short entitled *On the Road*, which can be viewed on-line at www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tWeVd5MJPg.

Jim Troesh (WU) is the host/writer/producer of *The Hollywood Quad*, a series of short comedic films that can be viewed on-line at www.jimtroesh.net/hollywood_quad.htm. The film he co-wrote, *Color of the Cross*, was also just released on DVD.

Dena Diamond (B) wrote six songs that are on the new Mickey Mouse Party Songs CD that is releasing in February 2007.

Lara Coulter (AL) is working as a double for Lindsey Lohan in the currently filming movie, *I Know Who Killed Me*.

Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry

M.A.O. Workshops

Two new workshops will be offered this month:

Agent Audition:

Looking for an agent? M.A.O. is sponsoring a special program at which you can audition to obtain agency representation. **Jackie Stander from SCOTT STANDER AND ASSOCIATES** will be auditioning M.A.O. members at a special one-time-only audition on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
SPACE IS LIMITED.

Rules for the audition:

- 1) Prepare either a 1 1/2 minute monologue or a 2 person, 3 minute scene.
- 2) Bring your updated head-shot and résumé.
- 3) **IMPORTANT:** In order to audition, you must attend a Prep Class given by Laura Gardner and/or David Zimmerman to help you polish your piece and prepare for the interview. All classes are held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates:
 - January 30, 2007
 - February 1, 2, and 9, 2007.

Cold Reading/Audition Intensive Class:

Famous director, actor, and teacher COREY ALLEN will be teaching a four consecutive nights, cold reading class at the Media Access Office on March 5, 6, 7, and 8, 2007 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 12 STUDENTS (THERE WILL BE A WAITING LIST). In order to sign up for the class you must make the full four-day commitment. Sign up for the classes and auditions with Gloria at (818) 409-0448. All classes and the audition will be held at the Media Access Office in Glendale.

M.A.O. North Acting Workshop

Master teachers Laura Gardner and Frank Collison are returning to M.A.O. North for an Advanced Audition and Monologue Workshop, to be held on Saturday, February 17, 2007 from noon to 3 p.m. The workshop will be held at the SAG/AFTRA offices at 350 Sansome Street, Suite 900, in San Francisco. To sign up, or for more information, contact M.A.O. North Program Director Doug Gordy at the phone number or email address below.

New SAG Online Casting Service

The Screen Actors Guild has initiated a new online casting service, called 'iactor', for all of its members. A guide explaining the new service and how to download your resume, headshots and sound is at: www.sag.org/Content/Member/iactor_QuickStart_Guide.pdf.

International Conference on Developmental and Learning Disabilities

YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities Network will hold its 28th Annual International Conference: "Charting the Future In Developmental and Learning Disabilities" on April 30 – May 4, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Manhattan Hotel, 1605 Broadway, in New York City. The five-day conference will feature 300 prominent speakers from throughout the United States and abroad, with over 150 seminars and workshops. For more information, contact Tina Sobel at tsobel@yai.org, (212) 273-6457 or visit www.yai.org.

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The Media Access Office is staffed by the Employment Development Department. Volunteers and in-kind donations through the Friends of Californians with Disabilities, Inc. support the office.



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Disability Codes:

- AA - Arm Amputee
- AL - Leg Amputee
- B - Blind
- CP - Cerebral Palsy
- D - Deaf
- DD - Developmental Disability
- Ds - Down syndrome
- HI - Hearing Impaired
- ID - Invisible Disability
- LD - Learning Disability
- LP - Little Person
- MI - Mobility Impaired
- O - Other
- PWD - Performers With Disabilities
- VI - Visually Impaired
- WU - Wheelchair User

Do You Have Information for the Newsletter?

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